DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT



MEETING DATE: April 6, 2006 ITEM No. <u>10</u>

CASE NUMBER/ 9-DR-2006

PROJECT NAME

Sprint & Cingular Stealth Saguaro Cacti (2)

LOCATION 9320 E. Cave Creek Road

REQUEST Request approval to place two (2) 24-foot tall faux Saguaro cacti Wireless

Communications Facilities at the Desert Mountain Renegade Golf Maintenance

Facility.

OWNER Desert Mountain Properties ENGINEER N/A

480-595-4000

ARCHITECT/ N/A APPLICANT/ Steve Olson

DESIGNER COORDINATOR Starbridge Communications

LLC

520-991-9595

BACKGROUND Zoning. O-S ESL

Context.

The site is located at the Desert Mountain Renegade Golf Maintenance Facility Adjacent Uses:

• North: Desert Mountain Renegade Golf Course and City of Scottsdale Well Site zoned O-S (Open Space) ESL (HD)

• South: Town of Carefree single family residences

• East: Desert Mountain Renegade Golf Course zoned O-S (Open

Space) ESL (HD)

• West: Desert Mountain Renegade Golf Course Maintenance Facility

zoned O-S (Open Space) ESL (HD)

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

Applicant's Request.

The applicant is requesting approval for a Wireless Communications Facility (WCF) at the Desert Mountain Golf Course maintenance facility. The proposed WCF is a collaborative submittal between Sprint Wireless and Cingular Wireless and includes the addition of two (2) 24-foot-tall artificial (faux) Saguaro cacti behind the scenic corridor and 100-feet from the Cave Creek Road right-of-way line. An existing berm along Cave Creek Road and additional native trees and Saguaros will screen the faux cactus. The artificial Saguaro skin is molded out of a sun-resistant fiberglass casting of an actual Saguaro cactus to help blend it with the natural environment.

The proposed 7-foot tall equipment shelters will be placed adjacent to the access road to the existing Desert Mountain Renegade Golf Course Maintenance

Facility. The applicant proposes to further screen the shelters by adding two 10-foot tall native Saguaro cacti and one 24-inch box Foothill Palo Verde. The equipment shelter screen walls will be painted and textured to match the maintenance facility wall, and the lines between the faux Saguaro and equipment will be underground.

Development information.

• Existing Use: Desert Mountain Golf Maintenance Facility

• Proposed Use: Faux Cactus Wireless Antenna Facilities (2)

• Parcel Size: 5 Acres (lease area encompasses 750 square

feet)

• Proposed Faux Cactus Height: 24 Feet

• Equipment Height and Size: 7-Foot tall equipment shelter

DISCUSSION

The proposed shelter locations and faux cacti locations are in open space areas containing trees, shrubs, cacti, and other native vegetation and is substantially setback from public streets and homes. The faux cactus blends into its setting, is compatible with the surrounding landscaping, and does not significantly change the character of the area. The equipment shelters will be located adjacent to the Desert Mountain Golf Maintenance facility access road and are screened by existing and proposed native plants. The nearest home is located in the town of Carefree and is over 300 feet away from the proposed facilities.

The applicant has submitted documentation that the WCF meets or exceeds the Federal Communication Commission's radio frequency safety standards. Desert Mountain Properties have entered into a lease for this facility, and the property owners within 750 feet of the site have been notified. There have been no comments received regarding this application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval, subject to the attached stipulations.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Applicant's Narrative

2. Context Aerial

2A. Aerial Close-Up

Zoning Map

4. Cingular Site/Landscape Plans (2 pgs)

5. Sprint Site/Landscape Plans (2 pgs)

6. Cingular Elevations

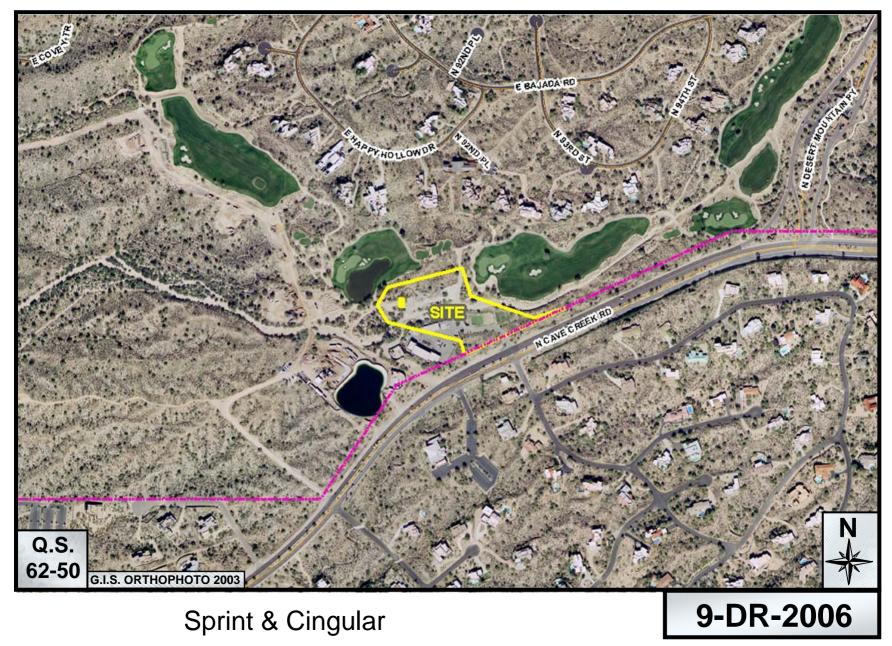
7. Existing/Proposed Photo Simulations (4 pgs)

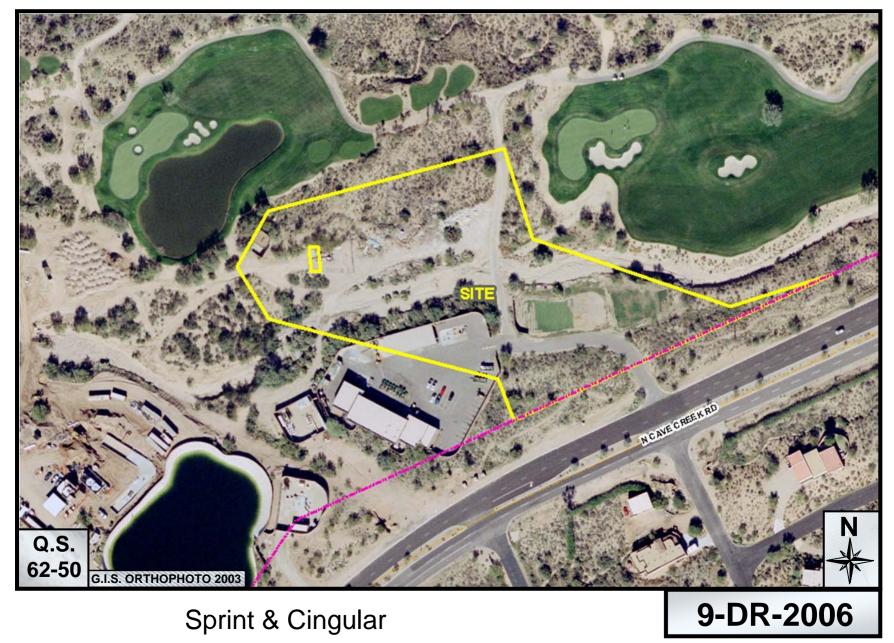
A. Stipulations/Zoning Ordinance Requirements

Project Narrative

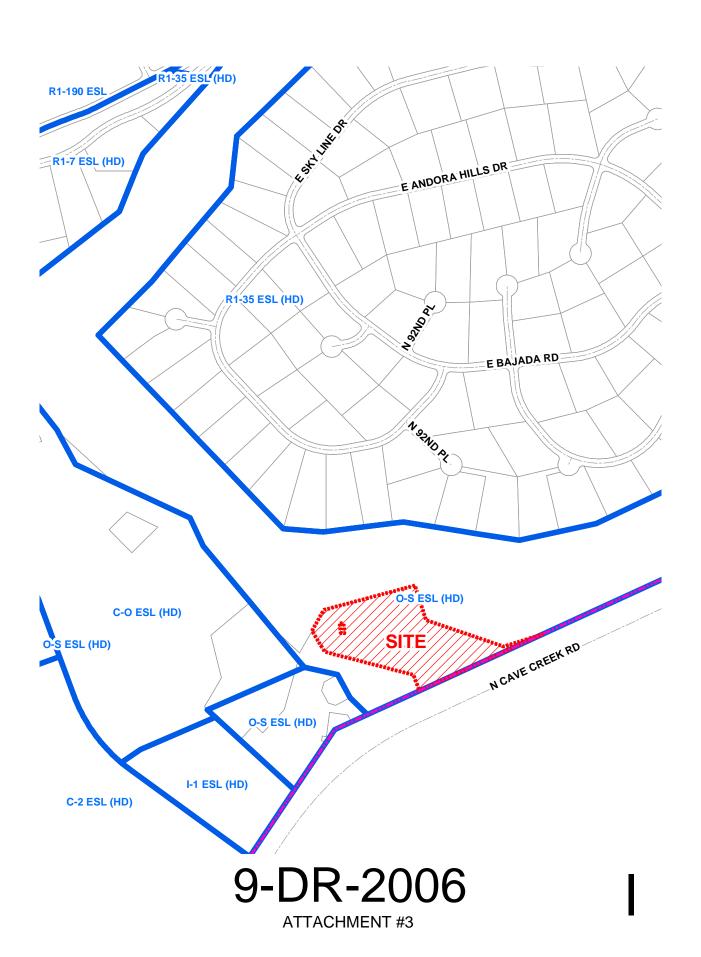
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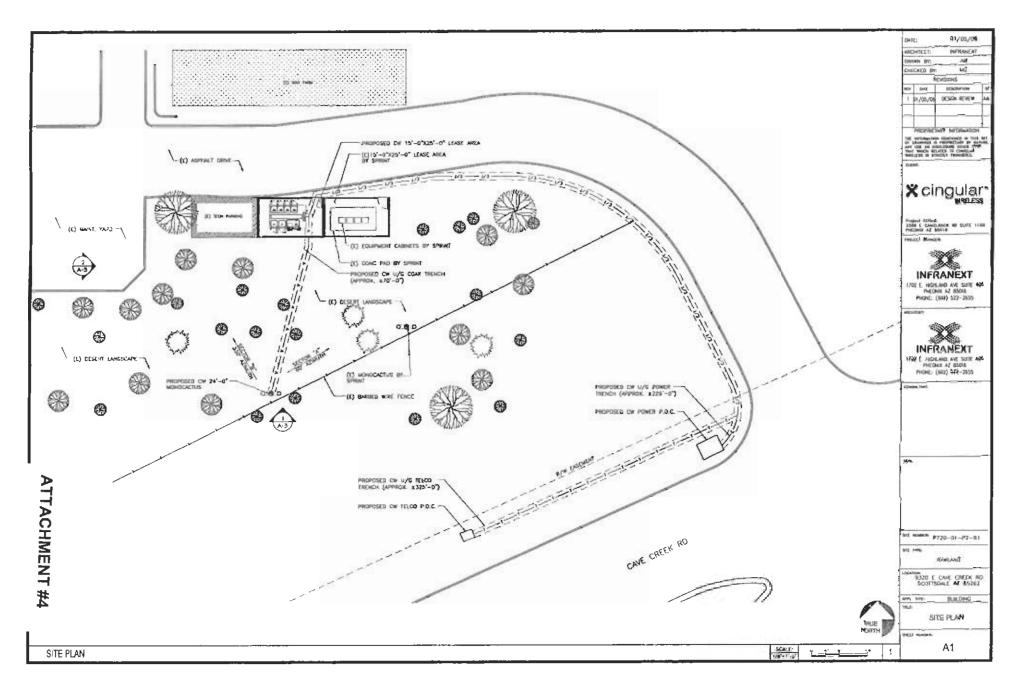
This joint application by Sprint and Cingular seeks DRB approval for each carrier to construct a separate 24' wireless facility disguised as a saguaro cactus. The facilities are proposed to be located at the Desert Mountain Renegade Golf Maintenance Facility, 9320 E. Cave Creek Road. Each carrier's antennas will be concealed inside the carrier's faux cactus and will not be visible. Each carrier will add landscaping in the form of 24" box trees and live 10' saguaro cacti to the existing native environment. Existing topography has been used to conceal the associated equipment compounds 10' below the grade of Cave Creek Road adjacent to the Golf Maintenance Facility. The equipment compounds will be enclosed by a block wall that is stuccoed and painted to match design elements of the existing Golf Maintenance Facility wall. All utilities will be brought to the site underground and are available near the proposed location.

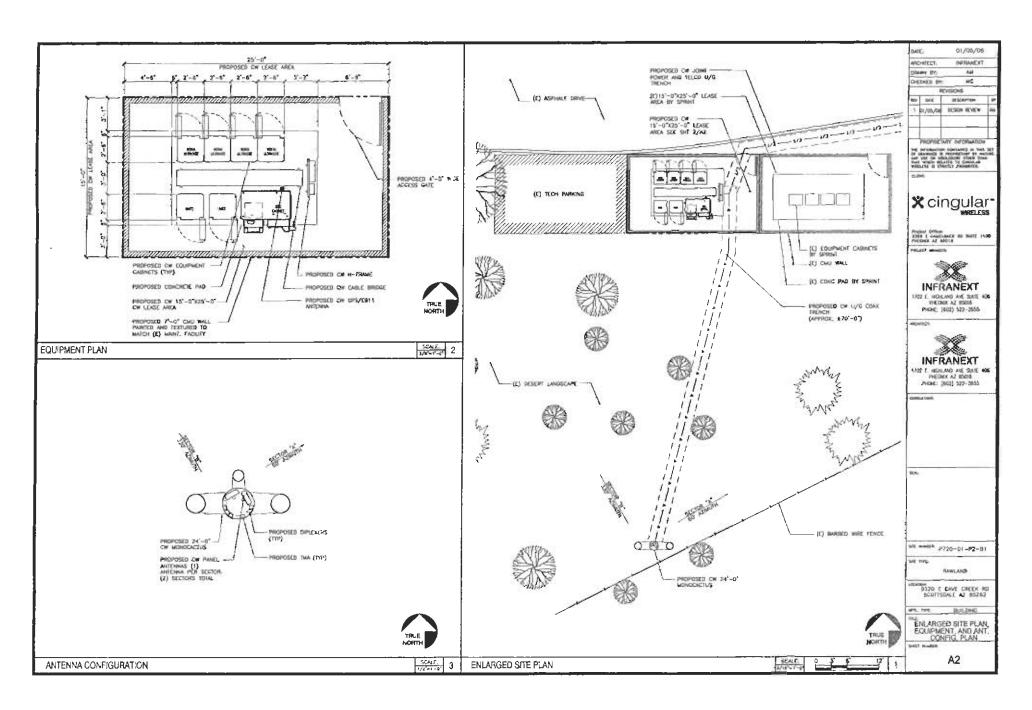




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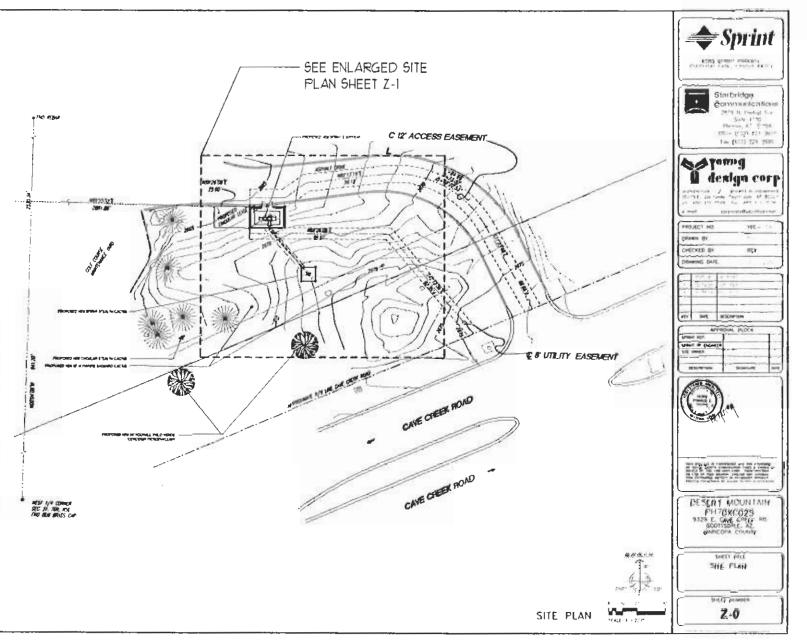
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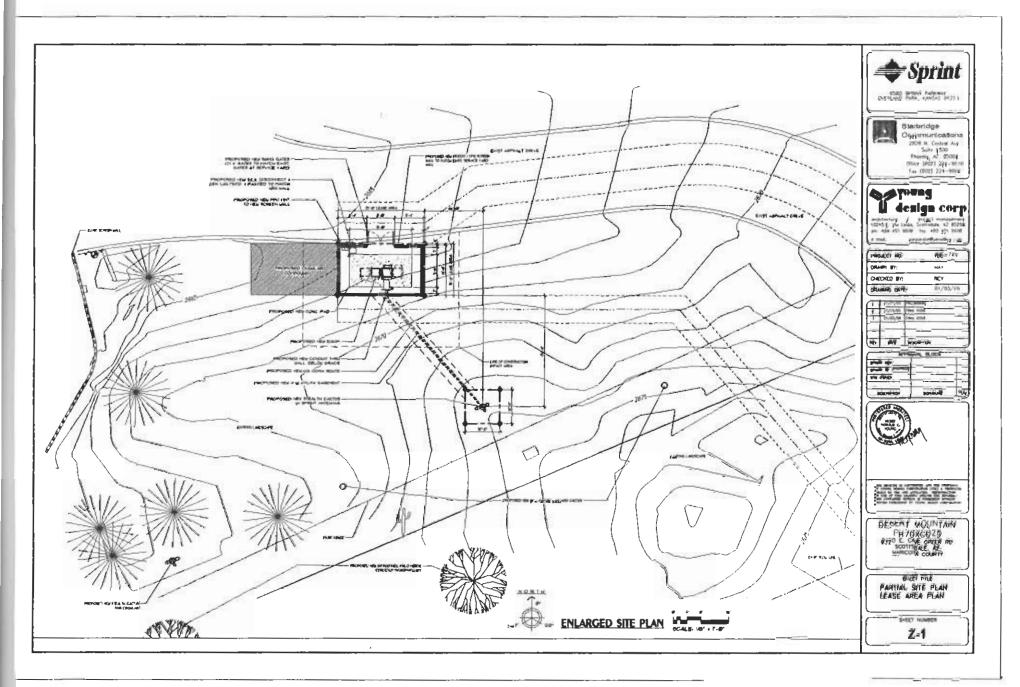
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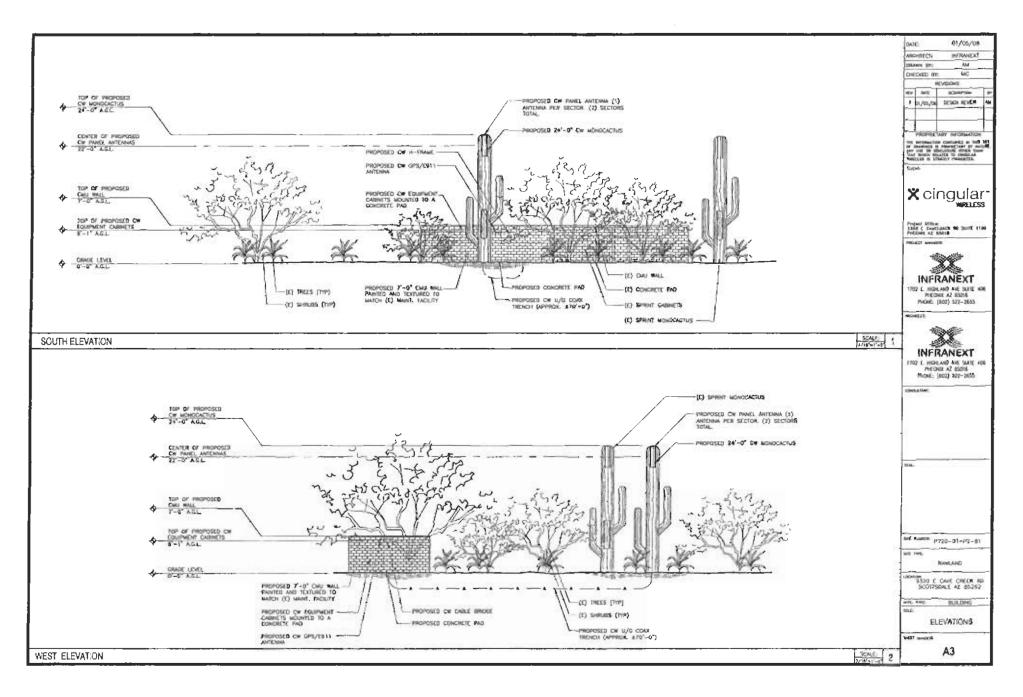
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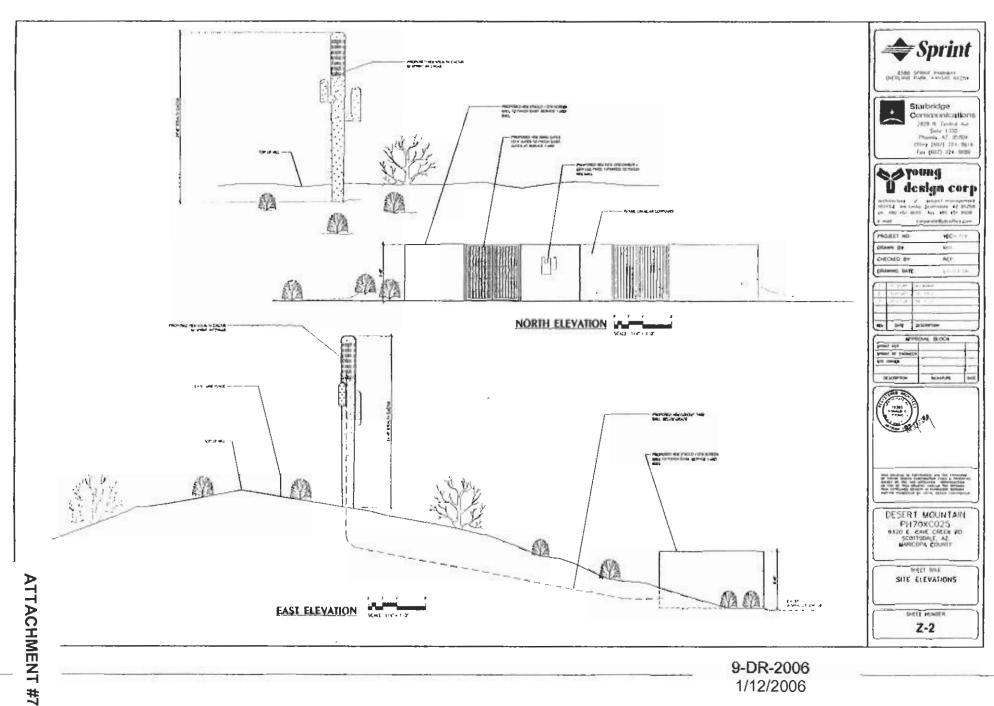
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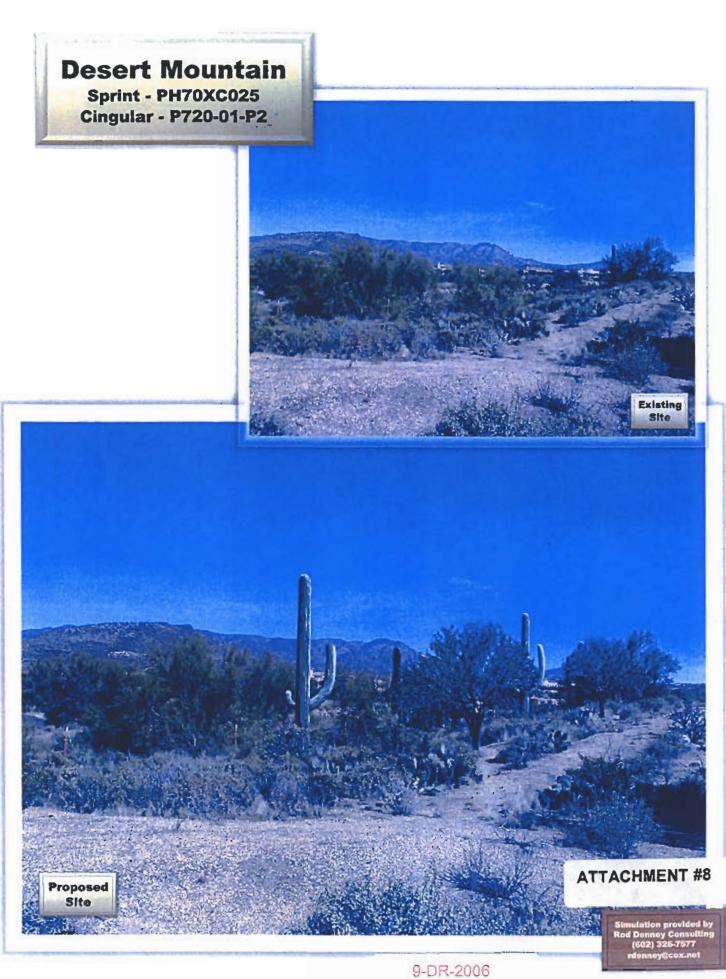




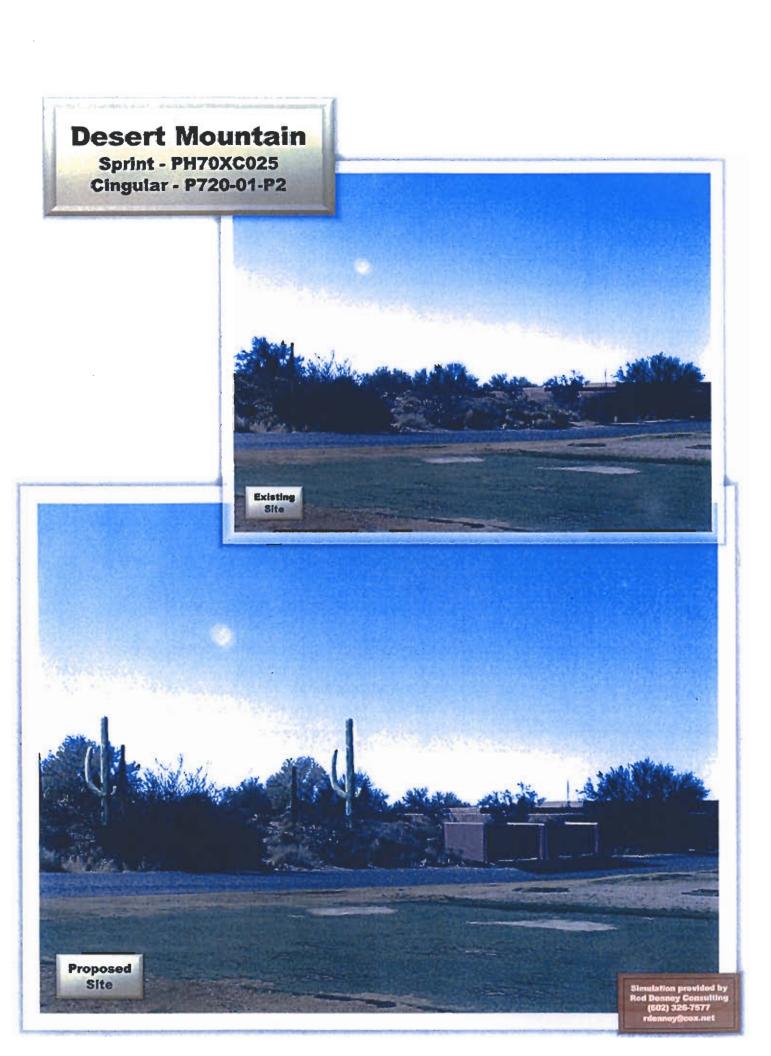




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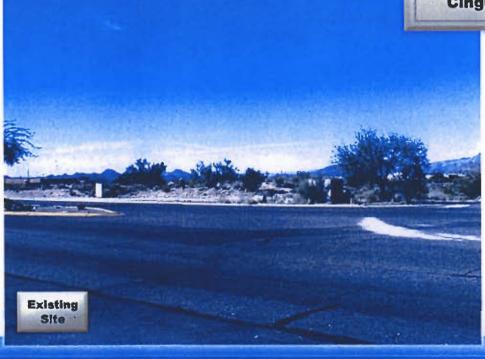


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Stipulations for Case: Sprint & Cingular Case 9-DR-2006

Unless otherwise stated, the applicant agrees to complete all requirements prior to final plan approval, to the satisfaction of Project Coordinator and the Final Plans staff.

PLANNING

APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS AND PLANS:

DRB Stipulations

- 1. Except as required by the City Code of Ordinances, Zoning Regulations, Subdivision Regulations, and the other stipulations herein, the site design and construction shall substantially conform to the following documents:
- a) Architectural elements, including dimensions, materials, form, color, and texture, shall be constructed to be consistent with the Elevations submitted by Cingular Wireless and as submitted by Sprint both with a staff receipt date of 1/12/2006.
- b) The location and configuration of all site improvements shall be constructed to be consistent with the Site Plan, Enlarged Site Plan submitted by Cingular Wireless and as submitted by Sprint both with a staff receipt date of 1/12/2006.

ARCHITECTURAL/SITE DESIGN:

DRB Stipulations

- 2. The proposed CMU screen walls shall be constructed out of materials that are compatible with the surrounding area, shall be of equal height and design, and shall be painted to match the existing adjacent Maintenance Facility.
- 3. All proposed equipment cabinets and electric meters may not extend higher than the proposed CMU screen walls. Paint colors of all mechanical equipment shall be desert tan or comparable color having 35 or lower LRV to blend and be compatible with the surrounding environment.
- 4. Cut and fill slopes shall be rounded to blend with the existing contours of the adjacent natural grades.
- 5. Prior to construction, the contractor is required to notify Inspection Services by calling (480) 312-5750. A planning inspection (#42) must be conducted prior to commencement of any construction. The provider must note this requirement on the site plan.
- 6. All existing public right-of-way and easements, including public utility, NAOS, sight distance, and scenic corridor easements shall be shown on all site, landscape and civil plans.
- 7. All existing utilities, including aerial, at grade and under ground shall be shown on all final plans.
- 8. Provider must identify telephone and electrical sources and show detailed connections on final plans to the satisfaction of plan review and permit services staff.
- 9. With the final plans submittal, the developer shall provide a detail of the required facility marker for a plaque, showing conformance with ordinance requirements. This is subject to Final Plans city staff approval.
- 10. No lighting is approved as part of the case 9-DR-2006.
- 11. No microwave dish is being approved as part of the case 9-DR-2006.

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN:

DRB Stipulations

12. Upon removal of the salvageable native plants the salvage contractor shall submit completed Native Plant Tracking Form as well as a list identifying the tag numbers of the plants surviving salvage operations to the City's Inspection Services Unit within 3 months from the beginning of salvage operations and/or prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

- 13. Landscaping shall be located so that there are no conflicts with public utilities.
- 14. With the Final Plans submittal, the developer shall identify a method and a timeline for the irrigation of all proposed landscape materials.
- 15. All proposed landscape material shall be listed on the City's List of Indigenous Plants for Environmentally Sensitive Lands.

DRAINAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL:

DRB Stipulations

- 16. With the Final Plans submittal, the Provider shall submit documentation that off-site runoff shall enter and exit the site as it did historically.
- 17. With the Final Plans submittal, the applicant shall identify on the site plan proposed grade lines and drainage arrows demonstrating how the proposed improvements will not impact adjacent property and address water flows. The applicant shall also clearly identify on the plans the lowest finished floor elevation of the equipment enclosure, to the satisfaction of City staff.